

"Chris was a comedian when you needed a laugh, a strong voice of reason when you couldn't focus and mighty force to be reckoned with when he had your back. His light will forever shine and anyone who ever had any contact with him knew right away that he was special." Dena Craig

"Chris put simply, was a great guy. I admired and respected his knowledge of political issues and the process. He had a zest for life and it was evident in his every action which impacted many. I know I am a better person to have met and worked with such an amazing person. He will be dearly missed by us all, however, he will live on through every person he interacted with." Eric Hammond

"Chris was a colleague that was easy to work with and always willing to help. He enjoyed life and we (my wife & I) will surely miss him. RIP my brother!" Rod Givens

"Chris had the ability to light up a room wherever he went. I was always amazed at how many people he knew and was friends with. People could tell what a special individual he was and were drawn to him. He didn't believe in letting life, opportunity or fun pass him by. He lived more in his 29 years than some people experience in a lifetime. I believe all the lives he touched and inspired will be his legacy." Jennifer Stiddard

"Chris beamed life!" Nanette Spencer

"Chris Crowe was a friend to everyone he met and always had a smile on his face. His bright presence, good humor, and friendship will be sorely missed and remembered fondly by many." Chris Kelley

"Rarely do you meet a human who is ray of sunshine that is coupled with a warm, radiant smile. And, when this unique person comes along, you never forget the impact on your life. For me, that is who Christopher Crowe is and will always be." Kwamme Anderson

"Elif and I are shocked and saddened by Chris's passing and we share the Crowe family and friend's grief and deep sadness. Chris was an exceptional individual, friend and a global citizen. He will be missed by all of us privileged to have known and worked with him." Murat Gokcigdem

#### CONGRATULATING ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

#### HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Rock Island High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team for their victory in the Illinois Class 3A State Championship. On Saturday, March 19, the Rock Island Rocks defeated Centralia High School 50-40 in a double overtime victory to clinch their first ever State Championship.

I would like to commend each player's commitment, hard work and dedication to their team. Royce Muskeyvalley, Cameron Ruiz, Romal Davis, Chasson Randle, DaShawn Banks, Marquel Beasley, Devon Jones, Darquez Bonner, Denzel McCauley, Greg Henderson, Keith Keesy, and Shaquille Jalloh. In addition, I would like to extend my congratulations to the head coach, Thom Sigel, to the assistant coaches, Dan Coyne-Logan, Tony Hickman, Chad Baker, Damon and Brandon Colvin, Rod Leatherman, and Keith Beck, and to the athletic trainer, Tim Mangold. Finally, I wish to extend a special thanks to the

parents, teachers and classmates who provided support and guidance to all the players.

The Rocks finished their season with a remarkable record of 30-3. Their success was driven by incredible work ethic and devotion to team. For the nine graduating seniors, this memorable championship run will serve as the perfect conclusion to their high school careers.

Again, congratulations to the Rock Island High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team and go Rocks!

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MEMORIALCARE HEALTH SYSTEM

#### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an innovator in the health care delivery industry: MemorialCare Health System. A not-for-profit integrated delivery system, MemorialCare serves the health care needs of individuals and families throughout southern California. Two of MemorialCare's flagship facilities, the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach, play a major role in promoting the health and wellness of my district. MemorialCare's other facilities—Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center in Fountain Valley, CA and Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in Laguna Hills, CA and San Clemente, CA—are also vitally important to the wellbeing of the populations that they serve.

In addition to its already impressive list of recognitions and accolades, MemorialCare was recently honored with the Gallup 2011 Great Workplace Award. The Gallup Great Workplace Award is based on what is being called "the most rigorous workplace research ever conducted." This year only 28 other companies received this honor, which is reserved for the most productive and engaged workforces in the world. According to Gallup, employees at MemorialCare and other honored companies are twice as likely as employees elsewhere to agree that: they receive recognition for their good work; they feel like their opinions count; their colleagues encourage their professional development; they have co-workers who are committed to quality work; and they work for a company whose mission and purpose make them feel like their job is important.

MemorialCare Health System has recognized something that is critical to our future prosperity: productive and enlightened management that respects and empowers workers leads to economic success and strong communities. I am proud that the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach stand as shining examples of this approach in my district. As we continue working as a nation to create good-paying jobs and strengthen our economic recovery, I hope that employers across the country will take note of MemorialCare's leadership in this area.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to MemorialCare Health System for this honor.

#### TRIBUTE HONORING BISHOP DANIEL ALEXANDER PAYNE

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a legendary theological educator who helped found the Wilberforce University and was a driving force in bringing the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the South. The 200th anniversary of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne's birth is being celebrated on April 1, 2011, by the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. I join with them in commemorating the remarkable life of this South Carolina native who was an instrumental figure in the education and development of a uniquely African-American church in communities of color.

Daniel Alexander Payne was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on February 24, 1811. He was born free, and was of African, European, and Native American descent. He had a thirst for knowledge and was educated by the Minor's Moral Society school when he was eight and nine. He also received instruction for three years from a private tutor. Because there was a lack of quality schools for black students, he continued to educate himself at home in mathematics, physical science, and classical languages.

In 1829, when he was just 18 years old, Daniel Payne opened his own school in Charleston to teach black children how to read and write. Six years later, the South Carolina General Assembly out of fear of a slave revolt passed legislation that restricted the rights of people of color and slaves. Among those laws was a prohibition on teaching free blacks and slaves to be literate. The penalty carried fines and imprisonment. This forced Daniel Payne to close his school, and he ultimately chose to leave South Carolina.

In 1835, he traveled to Philadelphia where he enrolled in the Lutheran Theological Seminary. He was unable to finish his studies due to failing eyesight, and did not complete his ordination. In 1842, he joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church, because he believed that a strong black denomination could play a significant role in combating slavery and racism. He worked within the church to improve the education of ministers, so they would have a broad base of knowledge that would help them more effectively lead their congregations.

He was still passionate about teaching, opening a new school in 1840 for the education of young blacks. By 1845, he established an AME seminary to help teach his philosophy about ministers' educational pursuits. While the seminary didn't last long, his stature in the church led him to new opportunities.

In 1848, Daniel Payne was named as the historiographer of the AME Church. That was followed in 1852 by his election and consecration as the sixth bishop of the AME denomination. Just four years later, he joined with two other AMEs and 18 white representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church in founding Wilberforce University in Ohio. Bishop Payne was selected as its first president, which also earned him the designation as the first African-American college president in America. He led the college from 1856 until 1877. In

1871, the board of trustees honored Bishop Payne by establishing a free-standing AME seminary at Wilberforce University that bears his name.

During his tenure at Wilberforce University, Bishop Payne made his first return to his hometown in more than 30 years. In 1865, he helped establish the AME denomination in Charleston, which then spread quickly among the African-American community in the South. He also authored two books before his death in 1893. In 1888, he published a memoir entitled *Recollections of Seventy Years*. Three years later he wrote *The History of the A. M. E. Church*, which was the first comprehensive account of the founding of the AME denomination.

Daniel Payne married in 1847, but his wife died during childbirth in their first year of marriage. He married again in 1854 to Eliza Clark of Cincinnati.

During the 2010 Founder's Week at Payne Theological Seminary, a year-long 200th anniversary celebration of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne's birth was launched. As part of the commemoration, there is a five-city tour that is stopping in cities that impacted Bishop Payne's life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and contributions of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne as the commemorative tour stops in his hometown of Charleston, South Carolina. Bishop Payne was a visionary leader who understood the importance of education and faith as an empowering force in the African-American community. His remarkable legacy lives on in the AME Church and in the generations of students who have attended Wilberforce University.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—BEN CHOU

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has

allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

Volunteering at places is an experience that teaches you to help people. But just volunteering at one place isn't enough and wouldn't be a great enough experience. Volunteering at multiple places means that you have both the time to volunteer and the want to help people. I'm one of those people that volunteered at multiple places. The first place that I volunteered at was at the Haggard Carnival. The second place I volunteered at was at the Sheraton Hotel at Downtown Dallas to help with the event, Love For Kids. The first place I volunteered at was at the Haggard Carnival. Haggard was my elementary school, so going there to volunteer was a nostalgic feeling. Arriving there, the jobs I received were with helping with activities, manning stands and moving items around. The second place I volunteered at was at the event, Love For Kids, at the Sheraton Hotel. There, during the time when Santa would be coming in a few weeks to bring joy and presents to little children, we were being little helpers by helping wrap presents and move the presents into big boxes to move them down to trucks to be taken to the little children waiting for Santa to come.

—Ben Chou.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE I.C. NORCOM BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, they have done it again! I rise today to once again congratulate the Boys Basketball Team of I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, Virginia, on winning the Virginia High School League Group AAA State Basketball Championship.

On Friday March 11, before a sellout crowd at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center, the Greyhounds of I.C. Norcom beat L.C. Bird of Chesterfield 54–45 to win their second consecutive State Basketball Championship. They are the first consecutive year champions since 2004, and have brought the second State Basketball Championship to the city of Portsmouth.

Not content to rest on the accomplishments of last year, Coach Leon Goolsby pushed the Greyhounds to even greater heights this year.

The team's 30–1 record this year, the best in school history, improved on last year's 25–4 record. This year's team was able to win four titles (Eastern District Regular Season Champions, Eastern District Tournament Champions, Eastern Region Champions, and State Champions) while last year's team only captured three of these four. Under the tutelage of Coach Goolsby, the Greyhounds have grown and matured into being one of the top three Boys' Basketball teams in the Nation in multiple national polls.

Perhaps more impressive than the number of I.C. Norcom's wins is the way in which they won their games. The Greyhounds have consistently rallied from behind beating opponents who thought they had their games won. I can say from first-hand experience that this persevering ethic makes their games even more exciting to watch. I had the opportunity to see I.C. Norcom play in both the State Tournament Semi-final game against Highland Springs, and the Championship against L.C. Bird, and in both games, the team trailed at the half. But like clockwork, the Greyhounds, with a smothering defense and deft offense came back in the second half of both games to win by a comfortable margin.

These consecutive state championships will be the newest milestones in the long and storied history of I.C. Norcom High School. It was founded in 1913 as the High Street School, the first public high school for black students in Portsmouth. I.C. Norcom was renamed in 1953 in honor of its first supervising principal Israel Charles Norcom, a pioneering educator, civic leader and businessman. Now, more than fifty years and three locations later, I.C. Norcom High School is still an innovating and inspiring place for Portsmouth students.

I.C. Norcom is doing a great job cultivating excellence both on and off the athletic field. In addition to excelling on the basketball court, the Greyhounds are also doing great things in the classroom. I.C. Norcom houses a Center of Excellence in Math and Science, which provides students with additional classes in science, math, and technology.

Once again, I would like to extend my congratulations to the I.C. Norcom players and their families, Principal Lynn Briley, Coach Leon Goolsby and the rest of his coaching staff. On behalf of the people of the Third Congressional District of Virginia, I.C. Norcom alumni, and the entire City of Portsmouth, I say job well done on a second consecutive championship, and I wish the program years of success in the future.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MARY ELIZABETH FLAHEVE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mary Elizabeth Flahive, whose life was marked by her strong ties to the Cleveland community.

Mary was born in Northampton, Massachusetts. She obtained both an undergraduate and graduate degree in Geology. She then spent ten years working at the Springfield, Massachusetts, Museum of Natural History.

She moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she began her 42 year career with the Cleveland